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(57) Abstract			
<p>A compound of formula (I) in which R¹ is lower alkyl, halogen, optionally substituted heterocyclic group or optionally substituted aryl, R² is carboxy, protected carboxy or amidated carboxy, Ar is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclic group, A is lower alkylene, X is oxa or a single bond, Y is thia, sulfinyl or sulfonyl, Z is methylene, thia, sulfinyl or sulfonyl, m and n are each an integer of 0 to 6, and 1 ≤ m+n ≤ 6, or its salt, which is useful as an inhibitor of matrix metalloproteinases (MMP) or tumor necrosis factor α (TNF α).</p>			